

Indiana Land Resources Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 20, 2004

Location: Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture

Members Present:

Joe Pearson
Bob Guernsey
David Hess
Mary McConnell
Riely O'Connor
Don Strietelmeier
Eric Damian Kelly

Members Absent:

Sam Smith

OCA Staff:

Joe Tutterrow
Darren Jaynes

Assistant Commissioner Joe Pearson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. local time.

Transportation Planning Section Manager Steve Smith of the Indiana Department of Transportation led a presentation and discussion of the I-69 Planning Grant Program with assistance from Deputy Commissioner Vaneeta Kumar and Environmental Division Chief Janice Osadcuk. This new program is designed to provide assistance to those communities affected by the proposed I-69 route. The INDOT staff also answered questions regarding the department's transportation planning procedures, criteria and anticipated timelines relevant to this project. (Handout)

Janet Parsanko, Legal Counsel for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, led a discussion on the use of conservation easements in Indiana. Emphasis was placed on the need for appropriate monitoring and enforcement of the easement requirements. (Handout)

Riely O'Connor moved and Bob Guernsey seconded the motion to accept the minutes of November 18, 2003. The motion passed unanimously.

Eric Kelly moved and David Hess seconded the motion to amend the meeting agenda to discuss the Council's 2004 priorities immediately after lunch. The motion passed unanimously.

Council members discussed priorities for 2004 and agreed by consensus that the 2003 priorities, including the Rural Wastewater Management Task Force initiative and Farmland Protection Program, were still valid. In addition, Mary McConnell moved and Dave Hess seconded the motion to develop a Smart Growth strategy for Indiana. Dr. Eric Kelly offered to develop the initial draft of this proposal. The Council unanimously agreed to provide comment on this draft and will discuss at the March meeting of the council.

The Council agreed by consensus to pursue an off-site Indiana Land Resources Council meeting in Hendricks County for the May, 2004 meeting.

Joe Tutterrow, Executive Director of the Indiana Land Resources Council, provided an activity update of the director's activities since the November 18, 2003 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. local time with no further business to discuss.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Tutterrow
Executive Director, Indiana Land Resources Council